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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116; RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 15, 2011

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Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 23313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 15, 2011 for which the shortened statutory date for response is June 15, 2011. This paper is timely filed since this paper is being filed prior to or on the two-month date of May 15, 2011. No request for an extension of time is believed required. However, should an extension of time be needed for the filing of this document, this document is such a request. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 to Deposit Account No.: 50-3994/6543 II US. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding objections and rejections.

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